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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Initial Comments

Claims 1-44 and 55-73 are pending in the present application. Claims 45-54 are temporarily withdrawn from further consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention, but may be reconsidered upon allowance of the generic claim (Claim 41).

Claims 1, 13-14, 23, 40, and 55-62 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,219,638 (Padmanabhan) in view of W3C VoiceXML Forum (Forum). Claims 2-3, 5-12, 15, 17-22, 24-39, 63-64, and 66-73 are rejected as being obvious over Padmanabhan in view of Forum and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,643,262 (Larsson). Claims 4, 16, 29-31, and 65 are rejected as being obvious over Padmanabhan in view of Forum and Larsson, and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,381,546 (Servi). Claims 41-44 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Padmanabhan in view of U.S. Patent 6,578,068
(Bowman-Amuah).

Claims 41 and 55 are amended in this paper.